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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. Five only

Part B for April 1944

SUBJECT

Permission to messrs. Ladha Singh Bedi & Sons, Military Contractors, to remove their lorries out of the State.

M. Krishnan
14.4.44.

The Legs Collr Coimbatore & Nos referred to in Mr in the Over Area and the Collr Salem by wire & Traffic Board office. Approved. This will be forwarded to the Traffic Board for Necessary action. Orders for proceed.

W. 13/3 (RS) The requirements files is since obtained and taken up. The object of the memorandum is to facilitate requisitioning of the vehicles for Army use. Questions re requisitioning seem to be dealt with in the R.T Section of the Board.

9289/13. SG 13/3. The remarks of the D.M may be called for

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Place the D.M.'s letter with a note Sir - the Jach. recd just now.

WO 14/3/[illegible]

2 From The S M Bln

Do d 14th Mch. 44 forg 4 cars traffic Mch Vehicles to a Corps formed Commanding 2 qrs Cars belonging to M/s Lester Bright Bros Hrs.

It is the Hd Qrs of Corps as now required for their military works at Coimbatore area for

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Permission to remove Lorries of M/S Lathe High Beri Ltd and attd Stk.

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period of 8 or 9 months and Mr Barby are (Kenya) as originally required for 4 firms. The D.M has stated that the Lorries are required only for a short period for transport of essential foodstuffs. The D.M has issued Notice for the production of about 30 Lorries for the purpose. It is observed that the Lorries of M/S Beri Ltd has not yet been produced in spite of orders. Issued for penal Orders.

The D.M.S note also shows that the military authorities under whom the work has to be done have no objection to the retention of the Lorries. In these circumstances the D. Civil Section Defence W. Coast has no interference.

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for Journal.

Min R & D

The existence of permits to WD 15/3/44 take Lorries out of Mgoa has been done at the instance of the Military & of M.S.A has recommended the grant of permission, in the interests of Govt works, the D.M must give the permits. The may be asked to Kenya Whether the permission by, said is withdrawn, to the owner request is earlier in place WD 15/3/44

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR REVENUE & LAW 15 MAR 1944 No. 5676

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2215/36 Permission to remove Corns of 2286/W Mrs Hartley Bright Bedridden at

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Subs with a draft to a D C B Lon for consideration with Nom to at 15/- with reg to orders reqd.

for [illegible]

RS 4/3 Sl.3. Issue Do. 2234/W d 17th Mch. 44 to a D C Blon
2235/W Nom 15/-

B 17/3/44 From The D C Blon
Do M/2CD 561/4 4244 d 17th Mch. 44
requesting instructions as to sort in a Corns belonging to Mrs Hartley Bright Bedridden.

W Orders as to sort are communicated to a DC on the 17th inst. Subs for proof and orders which he may refer to a proof letter is necessary

RS 20/3 9629 The D. M-C attention
is invited to the reply

[illegible]

WT 31/3/44

Subs with a draft to a D C B Lon

RS 4/4 Sl.5 Issue 2324/W to 4th inst. 44 to a D C Blon

B 5/4

W 182-43-1

URGENT

2215/W

Tel. Address: "POLICE"
PHONE No. 2108.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE,

When replying please quote No. I.G. 214/43-44

Dated Bangalore, 10th March 1944.

Encl. One

FROM

The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Subject:- Permission to remove lorries of Messrs. Ladha Singh Bedi & Sons, Military Contractors, out of the State.

SIR,

I have the honour to state that Messrs. Ladha Singh Bedi & Sons, Military Contractors, Bangalore, appear to have applied for permission to the District Magistrate, Bangalore District to remove their lorries out of Bangalore District for employing them on their Military works at Coimbatore area for a period of 8 or 9 months and plead that they have not been able to get the necessary permission. Permission to remove lorries has to be obtained from the District Magistrate according to Government Notification No. R.L.1880/Legis. 2-41-104 dated 14th March 1944.

As Messrs. Ladha Singh Bedi & Sons who have approached me with the enclosed petition appear to be hard pressed for lorries for transport for their Military works, the District Magistrate, Bangalore District may be kindly addressed to issue the necessary permission. The removal appears to be only for 8 or 9 months.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

S. Nanjappa

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE
IN MYSORE.

Prohibition Branch
10 MAR 1944
OF MYSORE

Sri Jaw R.A. W/Camp

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prep. a note
11-3-44

This has the detail with Mysore Narcotic Drugs Chief Secy 27 11-3-44

H.P.—P/12

Telegram: "Bedisons" { BARODA NAGPUR LAHORE CALCUTTA POONA BANGALORE

In person SWD 10/3,

Telephones: { Bangalore 265. Poona 9/986

LADHA SINGH BEDI & SONS

COLLIERY PROPRIETORS & MILITARY CONTRACTORS.

HEAD OFFICE
POST BOX No. 10
CALCUTTA.

Dept. Contracts. 3. Cubbon Road, Bangalore.

Ref. No. 10th March 1944.

The Inspector General of Police
in Mysore, BANGALORE.

Dear Sir,

Re: Permits for Our Lorries to be taken out of the State.

Nearly two months ago, we had been in correspondence with the Civil Authorities in your State for necessary permits to take our Lorries to our Military works. Originally we asked for the permits to take our lorries to our military works at Kalyan; but a good deal of time was wasted in meeting the wishes of the Civil authorities regarding the formalities involved. We tried our best to make local arrangements at Kalyan to replace these lorries but we are still experiencing considerable difficulty.

In the meantime we have secured three major contracts of Military works in the Coimbatore Area. The Transport difficulties there are still more serious and now with the approval of the Military authorities here we have to take temporarily for 8 or 9 months these lorries to Coimbatore side. We approached the Deputy Commissioner here to grant us the necessary Permits

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COLLIERY PROPRIETORS & MILITARY CONTRACTORS,

HEAD OFFICE
POST BOX NO. 10
CALCUTTA.

Dept.

Ref. No. *194* .

as already asked for. Some time ago Our senior Partner Sr. Maluk Singh Bedi personally called on the D.C. to request him to expedite the issue of the permits. We understand that the D.C. desired to use our lorries to transport foodstuff for the Military Department. We gathered the impression that some Military Authorities had approved of his proposed action. We therefore approached the Chief Engineer, Southern Army again and through him got an Express Letter from the M.G.A. recommending the immediate release of the Lorries. It is more than a week now and no favourable decision has yet been taken. We are hard pressed for want of Transport facilities in the Mannarahat Area which is right in the Jungle and very valuable time is being lost in view of the heavy Monsoons approaching fast.

We therefore approached the Hon'ble Mr. K.V.Anantaraman, Minister of Law and Revenue who directed us to get in touch with you and request you to see that the matter is expedited. We have called on the D.C. several times in the past few days but in vain. We dare say that the D.C. is a very bussy Officer and has very serious responsibilities and we appreciate that he is hard pressed for time too. But we wish he appreciated our

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difficulties and inconvenience and decided th. matter at his earliest convenience.

We shall, therefore, be highly obliged if you can kindly interven in the matter and afford us the necessary help.

Thanking you inanticipation,

Yours faithfully,
For LADHA SINGH BEDI & SONS.

Copy to:

The Hon'ble Minister
Law & Revenue.

W 182-43-2.

Mr. MAHOMED ISMAIL SHERIFF, B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
BANGALORE,

D. O. No. War UO 14/3/44

Dated 14th Jan 194 4

2236/W

Dear Sir,

With reference to our conversation over the phone this morning on the above subject, I herein enclose a copy of office note relating to the order passed commandeering two of the lorries belonging to Messrs Ladha Singh Bedi & Sons for transport of food grains in the district for some time., for favour of information.

Yours sincerely,

W Ismail

V.Vedavyasacharya Esq.,B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Govt of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

NOTE.

Subject:- Application of Messrs. Lada Singh Bedi and Sons, requesting the grant of permission to send 3 of their lorries to Kalyan for military works.

Messers. Lada Singh Bedi and Sons, applied for permission on 31-12-43 to send 3 of their lorries to Kalyan for military works, as under Government Notification No:R.L.1850/Legis.2-41-104 dated 14-3-42, no person can remove motor lorry or bus from the limits of the District, without the permission of the District Magistrate. As there was great need for lorries in the District for the transport of food grains, which are being collected in large quantities under the harvest Scheme, the Garrison Engineer, Kalyan (Bombay) was requested to intimate immediately, if there was absolute need for these - lorries or whether they could be utilised for transport of food grains in the Dist. for some time. The Garrison Engineer wrote in reply, in his letter No.3022/158 E.3. dated 16/20th February 1944 that he could manage without these -- lorries, since it was stated that it was required for transport of food grains and said ~~that~~ definitely that there was not much need for them now and that their release for military works was not necessary

On this, Mr. Ladha Singh Bedi was requested to make us available 2 or3 lorries for some time for transporting ragi from the taluks to the city as the stock of ragi was ~~pouring~~ flowing in from all parts and as there was no space to keep them safe. I saw several hundreds of bags of ragi being kept in the open yard in Anekal, Nelamanagala and Sivaganga there ~~without~~ was no space for storing, all the available space having been filled in. I told Mr. Ladha Singh Bedi that these lorries would be released in about a forthight, after transporting the food grains to the city and removing congestion from the taluk. But he refused to comply with my request, ~~and~~ despite my expressing the present situation and the need felt for transport. In these circumstances, I had no other alternative beft but to commandeer two of his lorries along with seven others belonging to differenet other persons. Notices were issued for the production of about 30 lorries available in the city and it is only those that are fit for transport that are being commandeered, the rest being condemned or rejected. If every other person whose lorry is commandeered puts forth the plea that his lorry is required for military works and that he cannot spare his lorry for the transport of the food grains, and that at this rate if all the lorries are exempted from being commandeered

commandeered, the problem of - transport would become very difficult as no other mode of transport is available. It is ascertained that Messrs Ladha Singh Bedi & Sons have a quite large number of lorries and they could as well take or utilise any lorry or lorries for military works other those now commandeered.

In this connection it may be s stated that the road tax for the qusrter ending 31st Mar 44 in respect of the vehicles commandeered have been paid only on 13-3-44. Permits have to be renewed for services only thereafter.

In these circumstances I feel that my action in having commandeered Messrs Ladha Singh Bedi's lorries is quite justified. The connected papers are herewith put up for favour of reference and return.

refused permission to remove the lorries and detaining their being

The lorries have not yet been produced in Stock godown.

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A CBlon

Dear Sir.

With reference to your
Do No mil d 14th March 44
forms A 1/5 & 1/5a No
relating to a motor permit
commencing two petrol tanks
belonging to M/S London Sight Box
Hire. I am directed to state
that a visit has been paid
to the Lorries and Mysore
was laid down that a visiting
officer military authorities should
if M.T.A has recommended
the grant of permission
in the interests of military work
for my issue of Necessary
permit. The Garage Engr
(Kotagiri) may be informed
is irrelevant to the present
request since it is earlier in
date and the Lorries are now
required for a Coimbatore Air

yrs.

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Copy to I.G.P with reference to his
letter No TC. 214/43 44
d 10th March 44

Sgt.

Under Secretary to Government.

D.O. No. W 2234 — 17th March 1944:

Dear sir,

With reference to your D.O. No.Nil., dated. 14th March 1944 forwarding a copy of office note relating to the orders passed commandeering two of the lorries belonging to Messrs Ladha Singh Bedi and Sons, I am desired to state that the insistence of permits to take lorries out of Mysore was laid down at the instance of the military authorities and that the M.G.A. has recommended the grant of permission in the interests of military work. You may issue the necessary permit. The Garrison Engineer's (Kalyan) reply to you is irrelevant to the present request since it is earlier in date and the lorries are now required for the Coimbatore Area.

Yours sincerely,

Sd: S.K. Venkataramana Iyer

M. Mohamed Ismail Sheriff, Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, BANGALORE.

Memo No. W 2235 & 17.3.44.

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, Bangalore, with reference to his letter No. T.C.214/43-44, dated 10th March 1944.

For Chief Secretary to Government.

Bangalore,
17th March 1944.

W 182-43-4

Mr. MAHOMED ISMAIL SHERIFF, B.A.,
District Magistrate.

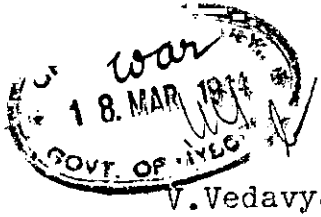
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,
BANGALORE,
Dated 17th March 4 194

D. O. No. JC.B. 561/43-44 2286 W.

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my D.O.letter of the 14th instant enclosing a note relating to the order passed commandeering two of the lorries belonging to Messrs Lodha Singh Bedi & Sons, I write to say that a letter has all of a sudden been received from the gentlemen on the 15th instant to say that the lorries in question have been under repairs for quite a long time and that they are not yet ready for use. This as you would see is quite inconsistent with the previous application for removing these lorries emergently for emergent war work. It looks as if this is only a plea put forward by them to evade the production of the vehicles and escape the consequences of law. It is quite open to us to seize the lorries which are said to be lying idle and have them repaired and put into use, the cost being recovered from the hire charges payable to them. But since they have approached Government and the question is before you for consideration, I would await your kind instructions before taking further action. If these people are allowed to have their own way, it might be difficult to commandeer vehicles which has always got to be done against the wishes of the owners.

Yours sincerely,



V.Vedavyasacharya Esq.,B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Govt of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Appendix F. G.—1]

SUBJECT.....

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Section War

File No. 182-43

Serial No. 5.

Diary No. of letter replied to 2284/W

No. W 2324

To The DC Bhera

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Dear Sir,

Date of issue.... 4.4.44.....

With reference to your DO No J2 CD 561/43 44 dt 17th March 44 re. 4 Lorries belonging to M/s Harbans Singh Beri Sons. I am desired to invite your attention to this Office DO No 2234/W dt 17th March 44 on the subject.

Signed by.... Mr. S.K.V.....

Yours faithfully

for

For Chief Secretary to Govt

List of enclosures.....

Copied by.....

Examined by.....

WD 04.61—GPB—60,000—24-10-41